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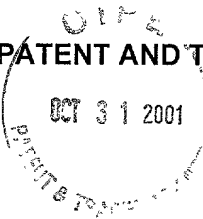
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: CARTER

Serial No.: 09/909,843

Filed: 23 July 2001

For: STACKABLE VAPOR-EQUILIBRATION TRAY FOR
CELL CULTURE AND PROTEIN CRYSTAL GROWTH



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Art Unit 1765

Docket No. P07087US00/BAS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Prior to the examination of this case, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 5, lines 14-17 as indicated on the marked-up copy of the new paragraphs shown in Attachment B. A clean version of the amended paragraphs is shown in Attachment A.

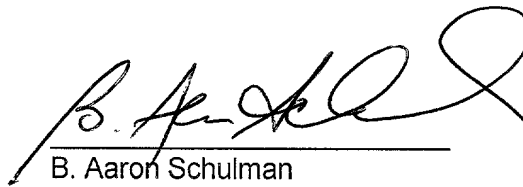
REMARKS

In accordance with the Notice dated August 31, 2001, Applicant is submitting herewith formal drawings to comply with the informality objections. These amendments make the description of the drawing figures comply with the formal drawings, and no new matter is entered.

Examination and allowance of then present application is thus earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

Clean Amended Substitute Specification Paragraphs

A clean version of page 5, lines 14-17 with amended paragraphs is provided.

Figure 2a is a front cross-sectional view along line 2A of the tray as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 2b is a side cross-sectional view along line 2B of the tray as shown in Figure 1.

FIG. 2A

ATTACHMENT B

Marked Up Copy of Specification With Amended Paragraphs

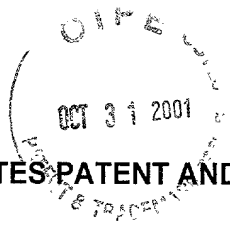
A marked up version of page 8, lines 14-17 is provided.

Figure 2a is a front cross-sectional view along ~~lines A-A~~ line 2A of the tray
as shown in Figure 1.

Figure 2b is a side cross-sectional view along ~~lines B-B~~ line 2B of the tray
as shown in Figure 1.

FIG. 2A

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LETTER - FORMAL DRAWINGS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents


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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated August 31, 2001, new formal drawings are enclosed herewith.

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